It would be helpful if the authors could tell us what proportion of the initial cohort of children with UTI, during 1975 to 1990, underwent initial imaging and any further follow-up imaging. We have shown that in an area of very good standard for general practice only a small minority of children with UTI had been referred for radiological investigations. The fact that this 'denominator' figure is not provided casts doubts on how representative their results are. The true natural history and prognostic value of different radiological abnormal of children with UTI is yet to be determined on a large scale, prospective, hospital and community based study.

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